

God is love and love lives here!



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Sunday, August 25, 2024

The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Mary Frances Logue brought a book to me a few weeks ago before our vacation. She only asked that I read it and consider it a gift. When we returned, I went into their Sunday School class, head down, to let her know I had not read anything the entire time I was on vacation. However, I started reading the book the next week and really enjoyed the stories and information from Kathie Lee Gifford's book The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi. Throughout the book, Kathie shares her experiences of going to Israel and walking through the steps of Jesus and his disciples. Along with her is a Rabbi named Jason Sobel who brings Biblical stories to life by sharing history or his own perspectives that we may neglect in Biblical interpretation. I've found the book to be a joy to read and thought I would share key thoughts with you over the next couple of weeks that I hope encourage you in your faith.

Chapter 7

Chapter 7 follows Kathie's journey to Nazareth where Ray brings out an interesting observation about Jesus and Joseph's profession. Often there are mistranslations in the Bible; we are humans interpreting God's holy word to His people. The challenge is that when we translate from Greek, Aramaic, or Hebrew there are not always words to describe or as accurate to the original language. Israel was not a land of trees and tall pines like we imagine here in Georgia but of stone and brush. It would be more akin to the terrain of Nevada than that of the Peach State! Ray points out that the Greek word teuton does not translate to a carpenter but stone mason or craftsman in regard to Jesus' and his father's profession! Rabbi Jason offers this observation:

"Jesus is the promised master craftsman and architect of creation who brings order out of chaos and shalom to our lives in this world and in the world to come! You don't have to wait to begin to experience His peace until His kingdom comes-you can have it right now as He promised: "Shalom, I leave you, My shalom I give to you; but not as the world gives! Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27 TLV)

While I'm sure Jesus probably hammered a couple of nails in his lifetime, I'm also sure it's more likely he and Joseph were master craftsmen. In His nature, he has created you with intention and purpose. You are a part of God's master plan and devotion to humanity. Do not let your heart be troubled! He is still at work perfecting his masterpiece!

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Matthew 14:22-33
"Simon to Peter:
Most Notorious Story
in the Bible"



New Concerns

Joy Fleming
Susan Glidewell

Continue Prayers for:

Marcy Hiott
Dawn Wilkins
Cinderella Sampson
Gloria Nelson
Terry Barfield
Paula Cunningham

Phil & Betty Bailey
Dianne Harrington
Mac McCullough
Kathy Blanchard
Tom Gamble
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

08-18-24

Operating Budget..... \$2,490.00
Food Pantry..... 150.00
Total..... \$2,640.00

Worship Attendance

103
Sunday School
37

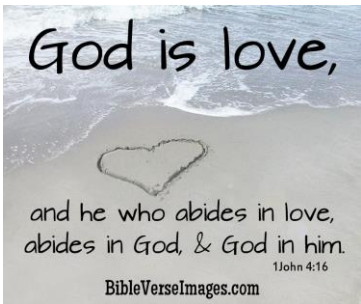


- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a- **cancelled**

Gifts Given to the Glory of God


💧 In honor of Pam Spence's birthday by Debbie Gray and Linda Blanton

4th Sunday
Church shirt day!



Community Missions

- Food Pantry totals for July—Families served- 282; People served- 979; weight of food distributed- 10,779 lbs... the hands and feet of Jesus!
- The Food Pantry is open August 28, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Clothes Closet is open August 28, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- Due to air conditioning problems in the church, services will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall until the system is fixed. As of today, that date is undetermined; therefore, our Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 1, 2025. We are currently using the Yak Shack for donated items for the sale. We will continue to collect small miscellaneous household goods for the sale. We will not have a Souper Saturday in 2025.
- August 28: 845a-11a- Vicky Moore, Elaine Hubbard, Nancy Brechin
August 28: 11a-115p- Marilyn Outz, Barbara Hilliard, Joyce Wyatt



28
Amber Gamble
Keith Phillips

30
Kelly J Evans

31
Carole Cooley
Sam Satterfield

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of August 25 th :	
Sunday.....	Acts 10
Monday.....	Acts 11
Tuesday....	Acts 12
Wednesday.....	Acts 13
Thursday.....	Acts 14
Friday.....	Acts 15
Saturday.....	Acts 16

Youth News

Sundays- 9:15a-9:30a- breakfast and socialize; 9:30-10:15a- Sunday School lesson

Young at Heart

Young at Heart lunch and Bingo scheduled for August 23 has been cancelled. We will see you next month in September!

Quilters Ministry

Friends at the Well – for the 3rd year, the quilters will staff a booth at the Georgia National Fair where we are able to sell raffle tickets for our Outreach Quilt. We need to have someone on each shift demonstrating something about quilting, but our small group of quilters will be spread thin. So, I’m asking for volunteers to join us as support staff to sell raffle tickets and talk about our church. It’s a great opportunity to meet people and have the name of our wonderful church in front of the public. Please contact me if you can work October 8, 9 or 10 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 9am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 5:30pm, or 5:30 to 9pm. Each day you work you will be given a ticket to get into the fair for free, and parking passes for the Miller Murphy Howard parking lot will be available. Please call me at 478-335-6677 or just talk to me at the church. In His Service, Jan Morales-Hill

Family Promise

If you are interested in volunteering during our rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn for more information, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



Singers & Ringers Needed! Our **Handbell Choir** and **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again at the end of July on the 31st. These groups are open to all.

Our **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday’s at 6:30. We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata “Love is Born” beginning this August. Our Adult Choir sings each Sunday for the Call to Worship and leads the traditional worship hymns.

Our **Handbell Choir** practices on Wednesday at 7:30. The ability to read music is helpful. Handbell playing opportunities may include worship during Christmas and Easter, Christmas Festivals, & 5th Sunday Luncheons, & community playing opportunities.

Men at the Well

The Men meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All men are welcome and are encouraged to attend any meeting. The men also meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30am at Steak n Shake for Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome.

Women at the Well

Ladies, circle meetings are coming up... so, don’t forget to attend. If you have never been to a meeting, you are welcome to attend any of the circles. We’d be so happy to have you visit! Miss Terry’s Circle meets the first Monday at 6:30p and the Friendship Circle meets the third Wednesday at 11:30a.

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- August 25

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

11:30a Audio/Visual Meeting

Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

Communion Servers

No communion this week

Prayer Teams

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- August 25

Nursery- Lynn Miller, Cinderella Sampson
Children- Brenda Crow

Sunday- September 1

Nursery- Linda Blanton, Cinderella, Laura
Children- Amber Gamble

Monday- August 26

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- August 27

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"

Wednesday- August 28

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8:45a-1:15p Clothes Closet
10a-1p Food Pantry
5:15p Handbells
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- August 29

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- August 30

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- August 31

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

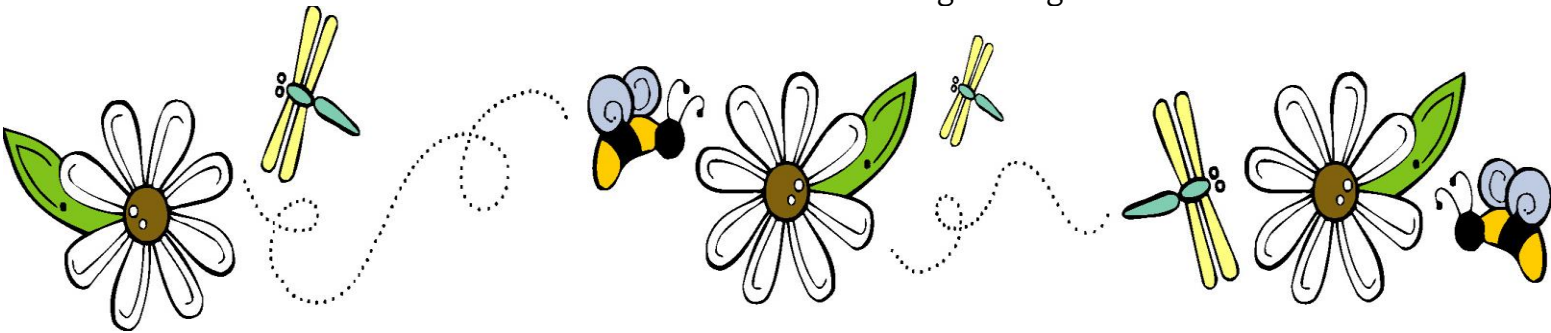
Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

Malachi
Mark
Be Alert
1 John, 2 John, 3 John
God Guides Us Through Changes

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson



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For your Labor Day

Men at the Well

\$40

Pick up Saturday, August 31

between 8a-1p at the Bus Barn

